### WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF

#### **RULES CLEARINGHOUSE**

Ronald Sklansky Director (608) 266–1946

**Richard Sweet** Assistant Director (608) 266–2982



**David J. Stute, Director** Legislative Council Staff (608) 266–1304

One E. Main St., Ste. 401 P.O. Box 2536 Madison, WI 53701–2536 FAX: (608) 266–3830

### CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 95–032

# **Comments**

[NOTE: All citations to "Manual" in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 1994.]

## 2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. It is unclear why the rule differentiates between "advanced standing" and "transcripted credit" in s. TCS 9.03 (1) (c) 1. and 2. "Advanced standing" is defined in s. TCS 9.02 (1) as "...postsecondary credit granted upon technical college enrollment...for a secondary course...." Thus, it appears that granting "advanced standing" or granting postsecondary credit for a secondary course are essentially the same. The definition of "articulated agreement" adds further confusion as it refers to postsecondary credit which may be applied toward advanced standing. It appears that the relevant issue is whether a technical college district will grant post-secondary credit for a secondary course taken at a high school.
- b. Although s. TCS 9.02 (2) defines the term "articulated agreement," other portions of the rule use the term "articulation agreement." This discrepancy should be corrected.
  - c. In s. TCS 9.02 (8), "defined" should be changed to "given."
  - d. In s. TCS 9.02 (9), the phrase "the provisions of" should be deleted.
  - e. In s. TCS 9.03 (1) (c) 1. and 2., "from" should be changed to "by."

## 4. Adequacy of References to Related Statutes, Rules and Forms

a. In ss. TCS 9.01 and 9.03 (3), the citation of s. 118.15 (1) (b), Stats., is incomplete, in that the closing parenthesis is missing.

- b. There is a typographical error on page 3. The rule contains a blank space for part of line 3 and all of line 4.
  - c. The proposed title for the rule could be more concise.

# 5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

- a. The agency may wish to review the rule before submitting a final draft to assure that it reflects any changes enacted as part of the Biennial Budget Bill (1995 Assembly Bill 150). That bill would make a number of changes to sections cited in the rule.
- b. If the rule will involve the creation or revision of a reporting form, compliance with s. 227.14 (3), Stats., is required.